

Appendix C: Consideration of Comments

Tahoe National Forest / Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest

Truckee Ranger District / Carson Ranger District

East Zone Connectivity and Restoration Project

Consideration of Comments Received during Initial Public Scoping

Public scoping periods were initiated on April 3rd, 2020 and again on May 8th, 2020 when legal notices were published in Grass Valley's The Union Newspaper. The responsible official requested comments back within **30** calendar days. While comments may be submitted at any time, for the purposes of this scoping period, comments were accepted through June 7th, 2020.

*One comment was received after the June 7th acceptance date.

The following represents a summary of public comments received, and their analysis and consideration.

Name or Organization	Comment Date	Issue / Topic	Comment Summary	Consideration and response
Stuart Wik	3/12/2020	Motorcycle Trails	Support for proposed new trails	Appreciation for support
Frank Havlik	3/30/2020	Motorcycle Trails	Support for proposed new trails	Appreciation for support
Brent Collinson	3/30/2020	Parking and Traffic	Concerns over winter parking / access at the entrance to the 06 road. Would like better public access in winter. Current parking issues are hazardous.	TNF held on site public meeting to discuss plans to improve 06 rd conditions with respect to parking and conflicts between recreational users and local residents. Plans for improvement are underway as additional post implementation actions to the Big Jack East vegetation management project in the area.
Michael Finney	3/30/2020	Actions in the 06 road area	Thinks 06 road access should be closed in the local neighborhood. Access should be reduced to vehicles of any kind. Fire danger is of particular concern.	Big Jack East vegetation management project is in implementation to mitigate current fire danger conditions. The 06 rd is public land and the TNF is obliged to provide opportunities for legitimate recreational use.
Stuart Wik	3/31/2020	Seasonal Closures and open areas	Support for wet weather operating plan and proposed new open riding area	Appreciation for support
Philip Fell, NV OHV	3/31/2020	Motorcycle Trails	Support for proposed new trails	Appreciation for support
Mike Harding	3/31/2020	Motorcycle	Support for proposed new	Appreciation for support

		Trails	trails	
Peter Pensotti	3/31/2020	OHV and Recreation	Support for increased motorcycle opportunities and economic benefits to local economy	Appreciation for support
Wayne Gilmore	3/31/2020	OHV and Recreation	Support for new trails. Against some route closures. Recommends increased compliance enforcement.	Proposal calls for strict enforcement of noise and emission standards, additional signage to promote sustainable use, and barriers to keep users on designated routes. Closures are necessary to preserve public resources.
Bk1492@aol.com	4/4/2020	OHV use on public lands	Against OHV use on National Forest Lands. Used language like “assault on nature” and “go to the Indianapolis 500” complained of noise, pollution, and destruction.	OHV recreation is a legitimate use of public lands. New, well aligned, sustainable trails to replace existing non-sustainable routes currently causing resource damage is a benefit. Proposal calls for strict enforcement of noise and emission standards.
John Nivinski	4/6/2020	OHV and Recreation	Support for new trails. Unhappy about current illegal use of single track by ATV's and UTV's.	Proposal calls for additional signage to promote sustainable use, and barriers to keep users on designated routes.
John Perhacs	4/10/2020	Recreation	Support for new opportunities for all user groups (motorcycle, bike, e-bike, hunters, equestrians, etc...)	Appreciation for support
Herb Cunitz	4/10/2020	Recreation	Support for new opportunities for all user groups (motorcycle, bike, e-bike, hunters, equestrians, etc...) Support for staging areas and increased informational signage	Appreciation for support
Steve Morgan	4/11/2020	Recreation	Support for new opportunities for all user groups (motorcycle, bike, e-bike, hunters, equestrians, etc...) Support for staging areas and increased informational signage	Appreciation for support
Lloyd Garden	4/13/2020	Recreation	Support for new opportunities for all user groups (motorcycle, bike, e-bike, hunters, equestrians, etc...) Support for staging areas and increased informational signage	Appreciation for support
Karsten Swenson	4/15/2020	OHV and Recreation	Support for new trails, staging areas and increased informational signage	Appreciation for support
Andrew Vandale	4/15/2020	Motorcycle Trails	Support for new trails, staging areas and increased informational signage	Appreciation for support

Cory Maier	4/16/2020	Motorcycle Trails and Recreation	General support for project and opportunities for all user groups (motorcycle, bike, e-bike, hunters, equestrians, etc...) believes 06 road area should have more technical single track trail open to motorcycle use.	06 road area is limited in size and needs to be managed for multiple user groups. Proposal calls for more than doubling the existing designated single track motorcycle trail. This includes some technical riding sections at the south end.
Teresa Wik	4/16/2020	Motorcycle Trails	Support for proposed new trails	Appreciation for support
Ryan Schopen	4/18/2020	Motorcycle Trails	Support for proposed new trails	Appreciation for support
Jim Riley	4/18/2020	Motorcycle Trails and recreation	Support for increased motorcycle opportunities and economic benefits to local economy	Appreciation for support
Dale McKenzie	4/19/2020	Motorcycle Trails	Support for proposed new trails	Appreciation for support
John Pellizzer	4/19/2020	Motorcycle Trails and recreation	Support for new trails and staging areas	Appreciation for support
Mike Smith	4/19/2020	Motorcycle Trails	Support for proposed new trails	Appreciation for support
Rod Glazebrook	4/20/2020	OHV and Recreation	Support for new trails, additional connectivity, and economic benefits to local economy	Appreciation for support
Daron Rahlves	4/20/2020	Motorcycle Trails and recreation	Support for new opportunities for all user groups (motorcycle, bike, e-bike, hunters, equestrians, etc...) Support for staging areas and increased informational signage	Appreciation for support
Reno Area Dirt Riders	4/20/2020	Motorcycle Trails	Support for proposed new trails	Appreciation for support
Steve Macica	4/21/2020	Motorcycle Trails	Support for proposed new trails	Appreciation for support
Craig Hogland	4/21/2020	Motorcycle Trails and recreation	Support for new opportunities for all user groups (motorcycle, bike, e-bike, hunters, equestrians, etc...) Support for staging areas and increased informational signage	Appreciation for support
John Manocchio	4/21/2020	OHV and Recreation	Support for proposed new trails. Support for decommissioning of user created routes. Support for resource protections	Appreciation for support
Dan Martin	4/21/2020	Motorcycle Trails	Support for proposed new trails	Appreciation for support
Michele Hopkins, Nevada County Wood Riders	4/22/2020	Motorcycle Trails	Support for proposed new trails	Appreciation for support

Bob Winn	4/22/2020	Motorcycle Trails and Recreation	Support for new trails and staging areas	Appreciation for support
Don Amador, American Motorcycle Association, District 36	4/22/2020	OHV, Recreation, and Restoration	Support for all aspects of the proposed action	Appreciation for support
Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest Carson Ranger District	4/22/2020	Additional actions on the HT	Requested 1 spur for addition to the NFTS, 1 gate placement, 1 gated closure improvement, and 1 decommission of user created route connecting to the TNF.	Action requests were added to a revised draft PA as consistent with the stated purpose and need.
Fred Habenicht	4/22/2020	Motorcycle Trails and Recreation	General support for project. Would like to see additional motorcycle trail around Prosser reservoir, out of Boca Campground, across stampede dam, and connecting to the Humboldt-Toiyabe NF.	Additional connections will be analyzed. Boca campground is currently not designated as a ride in ride out campground for OHV users. Keeping some campgrounds restricted for OHV use is a management decision in consideration of different user groups. TNF is working with Sierra county on developing a solution to the lack of connectivity across Stampede dam. TNF is cooperating with the HTNF to promote connectivity between the two forests.
Brad Chalstrom	5/1/2020	OHV and Recreation	Support for new opportunities for all user groups (motorcycle, bike, e-bike, hunters, equestrians, etc...) Support for staging areas and increased informational signage	Appreciation for support
Chris Swenson	5/1/2020	OHV and Recreation	Support for new opportunities for all user groups (motorcycle, bike, e-bike, hunters, equestrians, etc...) Support for staging areas and increased informational signage	Appreciation for support
Marty Schoenberg	5/8/2020	OHV and Recreation	Support for new opportunities for all user groups (motorcycle, bike, e-bike, hunters, equestrians, etc...) Support for staging areas and increased informational signage	Appreciation for support
Jane Ragan	5/9/2020	e-bike	Support for re-designation of trails to allow for class 1 e-bike use	Appreciation for support
Jeremy Schneir	5/11/2020	Motorcycle Trails and e-bike use	General support for project and increased opportunity for multiple user groups. Supports additional	TNF is currently developing an improved management strategy to control OHV traffic in the south Prosser area. Equestrian use is an

			opportunities for e-bikes. Feels equestrians do too much damage to trails early season when they are wet. Feels the MVUM is not an adequate tool for recreational users.	accepted recreational use without regulated guidelines as to when they can be on trails. With proposed implementation, the TNF will be working on additional user friendly recreation maps specific to Various OHV user groups.
Dave Osti	5/26/2020	Recreation and the 06 road	Concerned about parking in the 06 road access area as well as other illegal uses such as trash dumping	TNF held on site public meeting to discuss plans to improve 06 rd conditions with respect to parking and conflicts between recreational users and local residents. Plans for improvement are underway as additional post implementation actions to the Big Jack East vegetation management project in the area. Proposed action calls for additional compliance enforcement post implementation of new trail construction.
Steven Davis	5/28/2020	OHV, Recreation, and Restoration	Support for all aspects of the proposed action	Appreciation for support
Sean Connors	5/29/2020	Motorcycle Trails and e-bike use	General support for project and new opportunities for all user groups (motorcycle, bike, e-bike, hunters, equestrians, etc...) Support for staging areas and increased informational signage. Does not agree with proposed e-bike action. Feels they do not pay into the green sticker grant program and should not be afforded special consideration.	Appreciation for support. Understand the e-bike concern. CA OHV department, grants division, does not currently classify e-bikes as a motorized vehicle. Proposed action with respect to e-bikes is limited to a few trails that already exist and are managed for mountain bike use. Impacts between e-bike use and traditional mountain bike use is not considered significant. This is not true of dirt bike use.
Jamie Fawcett	5/29/2020	OHV and Recreation	Support for new opportunities for all user groups (motorcycle, bike, e-bike, hunters, equestrians, etc...) Support for staging areas and increased informational signage	Appreciation for support
Micheal Griffin	5/29/2020	OHV, Recreation, and Restoration	Support for proposed new trails. Against inclusion of action associated to e-bike use. Says change to seasonal closure designation is subjective. Says maps are not clear enough on routes proposed for decommission.	Impacts of e-bike use were analyzed based on current literature and public reaction during 2019 when they were allowed on non-motorized trails on the TNF. Wet weather operating plan is not subjective but would be based on a defined soil moisture threshold. System routes proposed for decommission are named specifically in the proposed action. Other routes proposed for decommission exist illegally.

Micheal Griffin	5/31/2020	OHV and Recreation	Questions why Prosser Hill OHV staging area was left out of proposed action. Questions why no new trails were proposed for the Prosser Hill area. Complains that nothing is being done to stop construction of illegal mountain bike trail in Prosser Creek and Alder Creek areas.	Improvement actions at the Prosser Hill OHV staging area can be accomplished as a management action without being included in this EA. An OHV system already exists on Prosser Hill and it was not considered a priority in order to meet the purpose and need of the proposed action. Currently TNF tries to monitor public lands for misuse and to mitigate issues like illegal trail building when they are discovered.
Truckee Trails Foundation	6/1/2020	Trails, Recreation, and Restoration	Support for all aspects of the proposed action. Support for trail re-designation to allow for class 1 e-bike use	Appreciation for support
Doug Jones	6/3/2020	e-bike	Support for trail re-designation to allow for class 1 e-bike use	Appreciation for support
Truckee Dirt Riders	6/4/2020	OHV, Recreation, and Restoration	Support for all aspects of the proposed action	Appreciation for support
Chris Bartkowski	6/5/2020	OHV and Recreation	Support for new trails, staging areas and increased informational signage	Appreciation for support
Rod Glazebrook	6/5/2020	OHV, Recreation, and Restoration	Support for all aspects of the proposed action	Appreciation for support
Robbie Huntoon	6/6/2020	OHV and Recreation	Support for increased motorcycle opportunities and economic benefits to local economy	Appreciation for support
Eric and Nicole Sachse	6/7/2020	OHV and Recreation	Support for all aspects of the proposed action. In favor of more variety for trails of varying difficulty in the 06 rd. area. Wants more motorized trail in the 06 rd. area.	New proposed motorized trail in the 06 rd. Area will have some variety. Additional mileage is not proposed and would be difficult to design in the 06 rd. area while meeting the needs of multiple user groups in such a finite area.
Kim Cross	6/7/2020	OHV and Recreation	Support for new trails, staging areas and increased informational signage	Appreciation for support
Paco Lindsay	6/7/2020	e-bike	General support for overall project. Specific support for re-designation of trails to allow for class 1 e-bike use	Appreciation for support
*Andrew Bavetta	6/8/2020	e-bikes	Support for re-designation of trails to allow for class 1 e-bike use	Appreciation for support